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RESPONSE TO 4/26/06 ACTION

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the final Office action mailed on April 26, 2006 (the "Office Action"). The Office Action rejected then-pending claims 1-11, 13-38, and 40-54 and objected to then-pending claims 12 and 39. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Office Action indicated that claim 12 and 39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As such, this Amendment seeks to amend these claims as instructed by the Examiner to obtain their allowance. The Applicant extends its gratitude to the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowed claim 12 and intervening claim 11. Claims 2-10 continue to depend from claim 1.

Claim 28 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowed claim 39, and intervening claim 38. Claims 29-37 continue to depend from claim 28.

Claims 11-27 and 38-54 are cancelled.

New claims 55 and 56 are added to depend from allowable claim 1, and new claims 57 and 58 are added to depend from allowable claim 28. These new claims are presented in Markush form, and recite that the "additional partner system resources" of claims 1 and 28 may include "financial information" (claims 55 and 57) or "incentive reward information" (claims 56 and 58). Support for these additional claims is found in the specification as filed, which states:

The system resources provided by the host system 110 and the partner systems 114 may be any information that is useful to the host, partner, or user. In one embodiment, these resources comprise information such as financial information regarding the users of the user systems 114. ... In yet another embodiment, these resources comprise incentive reward information, such as frequent flyer mile

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account data. These resources may also be a combination of the above embodiments, and may include other information. Each partner system 114 and host system 110 may store these resources on its own system, or on other systems to which it has access.

See Specification at p. 10, ll. 8-16. These additional claims are added to further define and protect the Applicant's invention, and the Applicant believes that they do not effect the allowability of amended claims 1 and 28. As such, allowance of these new claims is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


Claims 1-10 and 28-37 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's stated allowability of claims 12 and 39. New claims 55-58 depend from the allowable claims, and are also believed to be allowable. As such, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with Applicants' counsel, in person or by telephone, Applicants' counsel would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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